

EDITORIAL

Prof. M. H. Hatch of the University of Washington has contributed an article to be found in this issue which the editor would like to call to the attention of all our readers. Dr. Hatch's proposed program for American Coleopterists is worthy of the attention of every serious student of Coleopterology. The American Coleopterists are far behind the European workers because of the lack of a "unity of spirit and purpose" which Dr. Hatch states could be possible by following a program such as he suggests. For many years the Europeans have successfully maintained such societies and published works far exceeding anything ever attempted in this country. Even during the recent war the Europeans were able to accomplish more in the field of beetle taxonomy than we in the New World have done.

I earnestly hope all our readers will give these suggestions their serious consideration and I am taking the liberty to suggest that everyone write to either Dr. Hatch or myself his ideas on the subject. This bulletin will stand behind any program of this sort which meets with the general approval of American Coleopterists.

However, any such project must be the result of careful planning and serious thought. Therefore, it should not be entered into hastily and without the full realization that it will take the combined efforts of many to be a success.

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